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#### **Post Shorts**

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#### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, March 19, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

#### **ACS hosts PACT** classes

Parents and Children Together will offer the following parenting classes at Army Community Service building 2754, 6 to 7:30

March 18, Bonding with Your Baby

March 20, Education Starts at Home

March 25, Wise Words on Discipline

March 27, Father Matters

For more information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together Program coordinator, at 410-278-4372. To attend the first class, RSVP by March 14.

#### **Specialty meal** limits attendees

The Irish Specialty Meal scheduled for March 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m., will not be open to guests, retirees and Department of the Army civilians. Due to increased troop strength the dining facilities are at and over capacity.

The Installation Food Service Office apologizes for the inconvenience.

For more information, call the Installation Food Service Office at 410-306-1392/1393/1397/1398.

#### **143rd Ordnance Battalion Talent** Show

All soldiers and their families are invited to the Talent Show on, March 21, p.m., at the Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140, Austin Street.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded.

#### **ACS** hosts **Waiting Families Support Group**

Army Community Service is sponsoring Waiting Families Support Group for family members whose sponsors are on extended temporary duty or on an unaccompanied tour stateside or overseas. The support group will meet the fourth Monday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road. The next meeting is March 24.

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Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON Gospel singer Shirley Caesar sings one of her Grammy Award-winning songs for more than 600 fans during her March 8 concert at the Post



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS During an open-mike portion of the Shirley Caesar concert, Pvts. JeRome Ward and Charles Eubanks Jr. of Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion deliver a spirited version of the Caesar classic, "Jesus, I Love Calling

## Your Name," which brought the crowd to their feet.

## First Lady of Gospel wows APG audience

Yvonne Johnson Sonya P. Reynolds

Legendary gospel singer, evangelist, and 11-time Grammy Award winner, Shirley Caesar praised the gospel in song before a packed house of more than 600 in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Theater, March 8.

Along with her back up singers, The Caesar Singers, Caesar charmed fans with old favorites, and her trademark style of interacting with the audience with comments and scripture during her songs.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings and their spouses, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program Manager Earlene Allen greeted Caesar backstage upon her arrival for the MWR sponsored program.

Mark said it was a very special night for APG.

"It was charged," Mark said of the evening. "You could feel the electricity in the theater before she arrived. It was simply powerful."

The Rev. Kenneth Stewart, associate pastor of St. James A.M.E Church, assisted Lee Michaels, program director and morning host for radio station WCAO, Heaven 600, in hosting the program.

The show started about 7 p.m., with several local

choirs opening for Caesar. They included the Vernon Sewell Ensemble of St. James A.M.E. Church in Havre de Grace, the Mt. Zion Male Chorus, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Havre de Grace and the APG Gospel

After a short intermission, Caesar and her singers entered to a roaring welcome. Caesar first thanked God "for this golden privilege to be here tonight."

"Do you love the Lord?" she shouted to the audience. She received a thunderous applause in response then swung into her first song.

Always one to include the audience in her performances, Caesar wowed fans with the song "I'm a Soldier for the Lord," when she invited members of the audience and soldiers from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools on stage to lead the singers in a march.

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Jenkins, a drill sergeant with Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and four ushers from Company C whipped the crowd into a frenzy with fancy facing movements as Caesar led the song.

Jenkins, who also served as backstage security, said it was a memorable night for him.

"I grew up with her music," Jenkins said.

"Meeting her was a dream come true." Remarking on the pending state of war, Caesar said that everyone needs the gospel foundation.

"All of us at some time or another are in a state of war," she said. Caesar continued in her energetic style performing

old favorites like "He Brought Me Here," and "Rejoice," and even left the stage at one point to get closer to the audience as she chatted.

The highlight of the evening was when Caesar invited volunteers on stage to perform verses of the song, "Jesus, I Love Calling Your Name."

A line of volunteers quickly formed as several people took turns at the microphone. Pvts. Charles Eubanks Jr. and JeRome Ward delivered perhaps the most impressive performance, sharing the mike as they belted out a spirited version of the song.

An impressed Caesar waved her scarf at them in approval as the audience gave a standing ovation.

At the concert's conclusion, Allen thanked the MWR staff, and local churches who publicized the show and sold tickets.

"We wanted to do this for the community," Allen said. "We were blessed to be able to book such a great performer as Shirley Caesar. It was my personal dream come true."

Many agreed that they came away with uplifted souls and spirits.

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Rewarding initiative

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, looks on as Robert Krauer, provost marshal, presents a DLES Coin of Excellence to Pfc. Anthony Layton, 324th Military Police Battalion, during an award ceremony for military police and medics from the Army Reserve unit who controlled two emergency incidents on the installation. See story on page 2.

## Deploying emergency responders assist APG community

Yvonne Johnson

Installation leaders lauded soldiers from an Army Reserve unit awaiting movement orders to Operation Enduring Freedom for responding to and controlling two emergency incidents on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Col. Mardi U. Mark, Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Robert Krauer, provost marshal, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, thanked a group of soldiers from the 324th Military Police Battalion (Internee Relocation Resettlement Unit) for serving as first responders to a traffic accident on the Aberdeen Area and to a sports-related injury at the AA Athletic Center. The soldiers were presented with DLES Coins of Excellence and the Garrison Commander's Coin.

"We like to recognize great achievements," Mark said before presenting the coins. "My hat's off to all of you for coming to the aid of our installation and our nation as we prepare for

Krauer added that his personnel talked about the way the reservists "stepped up to the plate" after they observed a traffic accident between two vehicles at the intersection of Susquehanna Avenue and Frankford Street.

Four military police soldiers and three medics from the unit who were sitting in a nearby bus, leaped into action, securing the scene, directing traffic, and evaluating the driver's

"Your actions epitomized the Military Police Corp motto," Krauer said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Lt. Col. Thomas Cantwell, battalion commander and Maj. Thomas Hebert, executive officer, and the rest of the unit looked on as Mark and Krauer presented the coins during the unit formation, March 5.

The awardees included military police Cpl. Brian Heinsman, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Holloway, Staff Sgt. Jamey May, and Sgt. Adrian Cann; and medics Sgt. Athena Cook and Spcs. Russell Berry and Walter Rinehart.

Cann said that the group immediately reacted to the scene after observing the accident in section after one failed to yield the right of way.

"The MPs secured the scene and evaluated leaking fluids while the medics evaluated and stabilized the drivers," Cann said, adding neither vehicle contained additional passengers.

He said it didn't take long for DLES officers to arrive. "They were on the scene within five minutes," Cann said.

"Our goal was to evaluate the drivers and make sure they caused themselves no further injuries by moving," Rinehart said, adding that both drivers were transported by emergency responders as a precaution.

May added that he felt fortunate to be surrounded by experienced peers during the sudden emergency.

"It was like we all instinctively knew what to do," May said.

Cann said the spirit of selfless service was the team's motivation.

"We knew our jobs. We didn't have to be told. We just got out there and did it."

Also receiving coins that day was Pfc. Anthony Layton, a medic with the unit who, in

game in the gym. Layton, who responded to calls for help from other players, said he reacted automatically, in keeping with his training, which includes

checking vital signs, treating for shock and evaluating injuries.

U.S. Marine Corps Detachment student who

fell and injured his head during a basketball

"His right pupil was dilated," Layton said, adding that it indicated to him that the victim might be going into compensation shock.

Layton relayed the information to the post's emergency responders and stabilized the victim, talking to him and keeping him calm until help arrived.

In retrospect, Layton said he was glad to be able to help a fellow service member.

"I heard he is doing well now," Layton said. "That's what it's all about."

The Pennsylvania-based battalion, consisting of a multitude of military occupational specialties, has been on APG since Feb. 10, completing final processing before shipping out for Operation Enduring Freedom.

#### **AER** campaign kicks off on APG

The annual campaign to raise funds for Army Emergency Relief began March 1 and will continue through May 15.

AER is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to "helping the Army take care of its own". It has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since February 5, 1942, and is the only organization dedicated solely to helping soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need.

AER is supported by voluntary contributions from soldiers, active and retired, solicited once a year during the Army's annual fund campaign. Civilians wishing to contribute may contact unit representatives. Military contributions may be submitted as allotments, cash, or check; but civilian contributions must be made by cash or check only.

Ninety-six cents of every dollar received is used to help

In 2002, the AER Office on Aberdeen Proving Ground disbursed \$220,861.96 in assistance to 173 active-duty Army personnel, 47 Army retirees, three surviving spouses/orphans, and six active-duty service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

Your contributions will assure continued availability of AER funds to meet the emergency needs of your fellow service members.

For information on donating to AER, contact your unit representative or AER Campaign Coordinator Maj. Hugh D. Shoults, Headquarters Support Troop, 410-278-2104 or 3000, or Marge Fissel, AER Officer, 410-278-2508.

## Army, civilian industry work together providing certified, accredited training for soldiers

E.C. Starnes

"The maintenance and support services we provide the Army, in many cases, mirror exactly what civilian industry does."

So stated Sgt. Maj. James Herrell, the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps chief enlisted career manager responsible for the professional development of the Army's mechanics, electronic repairmen, welders and machinists. He was noting the importance of collaborating with civilian industry, and more importantly, working with those national organizations that provide certification in occupational specialties and accreditation of courses that train ordnance soldiers.

"With the Army going through transformation and the increasingly rapid advances in automotive and electronics technology," Herrell said, "reaching out to and collaborating with civilian industry is an imperative that we must pursue to be successful in the future."

One such effort was celebrated on March 6, as the Ordnance Corps and the National Institute for Metalworking Skills met to officially recognize the accreditation of the metalworking training conducted by the U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Weapons/Metalworking Services Department.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, chief of Ordnance, and Col. Paul Meredith, commander of OMMS, welcomed the gathering of military and industry representatives to the ceremony in the Ball Conference Center.

"Today," Stevenson said, "the National Institute for Metalworking Skills recognizes the fact that our machinist training meets the highest national standards for training. That's something we here have believed for some time and we are very happy today to see that industry recognizes the fact as well."

Meredith added, "The role of the machinist has played a key role in American industry through the years and has developed into a highly skilled trade. Today we are proud to formally join with the National Institute for Metalworking Skills to recognize the quality of the training that we provide here at the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School. I am certain that what we are celebrating here today will benefit both organizations, but it will particularly benefit our soldiers who have taken these first steps toward becoming skilled machinists."

Stepehn C. Mandes, NIMS executive director, noted that the ceremony was the culmination of a two-year effort by OMMS to earn NIMS certifica-

He noted that all 17 instructors had received their credentials, as well as one new soldier, Pvt. David Walter. Walter is in the middle of his training and has in finding an industry match." already completed the NIMS certification requirements.

Matthew B. Coffey, president of the National Tooling and Machining Association, and David Dye, deputy assistant secretary for employment and training with the U.S. Department of Labor, also took part in the ceremony and praised those involved with achieving accreditation.

Stevenson was joined by Paul Huber, NIMS executive board member, as they unveiled the accredita-

NIMS, which is located in Vienna, Va., is an organization "actively promoting a skilled workforce for the metalworking industry in the United States. NIMS develops skill standards as a means to support quality in training programs allowing students, workers, and trainees to certify their competencies against the skill standards and earn credentials that are recognized nationwide. NIMS also will grant certification to programs that meet or exceed NIMS requirements and procedures."

One of the benefits of the NIMS certification is that "the credentials are portable." That is a major consideration for the efforts being made to align Ordnance Corps training and professional standards with civilian industry according to Stevenson, the Army's Chief of Ordnance. It's not only important to soldiers during a military career, but for careers following their military service.

"When soldiers begin to think about life after the Army," Stevenson said, "they have to know that a certification is a professional credential, and believe me, civilian employers understand technical certifications and credentials. The overall program also provides people outside of the Army an understanding of what soldiers in our particular military occupational specialties [MOS] actually do that is comparable to civilian industry."

"For example," Herrell said, "what civilian industry doesn't understand is that a 63M, Bradley mechanic is an expert in automotive electronics and the use of schematics, or that a 35F, Special Electronic Device Repairman, can immediately go to work in pretty much any electronics shop. We're trying to get civilian industry to recognize what each of our MOSs do."

Currently the Ordnance Corps is working to find civilian industry recognition and certification for 43 of the 45 ordnance MOSs.

"We are having a tough time finding a good industry match with two MOSs in particular," Herrell said. "Our 55B, Munitions Specialists and, of course, our 55D, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialists, are unique enough that they create significant challenges

The sergeant major pointed out that there is a difference between accreditation and certification.

"Accreditation is the 'stamp of approval' of our training courses by an issuing agency that usually dictates or represents an accepted national standard. Certification, on the other hand, is an individual effort that requires taking some sort of competency examination, usually a written exam, but could include a hands-on performance exam. So, training is accredited and people are certified."

"What we are doing with accreditations as a Corps," Stevenson said, "is asking civilian agencies that represent nationally recognized standards to come and accredit our training programs."

"For example," Herrell said, "the American Welding Society (AWS) represents the national standard in all things welding. We recently completed the process of having our welding course reviewed for accreditation and now the AWS has accredited our course."

"What this does for us," added Stevenson, "is offer the soldier who goes through our course something more than just a certificate indicating training completion. The soldier will also have the opportunity to leave with a diploma from the AWS signifying he has attended and completed a certain level of AWS accredited welding training. The entire process is a support system for professional development in the Army, and powerful credentials for any soldier seeking employment after the Army.

"A soldier who comes through our accredited courses will be much more inclined to possess a new sense of belonging to a nationally recognized professional trade organization, and they will be motivated to further their education and continue their selfdevelopment in their technical field by seeking civilian certifications. In the case of our association with the AWS, a soldier is not just an Army welder when they meet the AWS standard, they are an American Welding Society credentialed welder.

The Ordnance Corps has a long list of skilled tradesmen that are qualified and work in specialties that are comparable to civilian skills and trades.

"For example," Herrell said, "in addition to machinists and welders, we have electronics technicians, automotive mechanics, air conditioner and heater repairers, generator mechanics and much, much more.

"The issue we are looking at with our interface with civilian industry is that the Army has operated so long in our own environment that we tend to consider ourselves special, and what we do as so unique that we are the only subject matter experts in those

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#### **PATRIOTIC MOSAIC IN KUWAIT**



Photo by SPC. ANDREW KOSTERMAN, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne) Army Pfc. Nick Esenwick, parachute rigger, Company E, 782nd Logistical Task Force, 82nd Airborne Division, lays rocks down in the form of an American flag at Camp Champion, Kuwait. Esenwick, who is deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, was inspired by his company commander to construct the mural that is in front of his sleep tent.

#### **POST SHORTS**

To arrange for child-care, call in advance, space is limit-

For more information, call Cheryl Harris, relocation assistant, at 410-278-7474.

### ROTC celebrates anniversary

On April 18, the Howard University Army ROTC Program will commemorate its 85th anniversary and annual military ball at the Hilton Hotel in Silver Springs, Md. The theme "Commemorating the Past, Present, and Future" promises to be an evening of fun, reflection and the coming together of various generations who have served, are currently serving or preparing to serve.

For more information, call Maj. Timothy F. Johnson, Ph.D., at 202-806-6785 or e-mail tfjohnson@howard.edu.

#### APG Telephone Directory update

The Directorate of Information Management is currently validating the Garrison and Tenant information in the Aberdeen Proving Ground Telephone Directory.

The purpose of this validation is to ensure that the Emergency Response System (911) has electronic access to accurate information.

DOIM representatives will be calling individual numbers to verify that the name, building, floor, and room number on record for the circuit are correct. The Caller ID feature on telephones will display "APG TELE MGMT" for these authorized information requests.

For more information, call Janet Brown, 410-306-1315.

#### Names of deceased Vietnam vets sought

Officials of the Vietnam Memorial Fund are seeking the names of Vietnam veterans who died as a result of their service but not of injuries suffered in combat zones.

Those service members, whose names are not eligible for the wall, will be honored at the fifth annual In Memory Day ceremony April 21 at the memorial.

Anyone who would like their deceased loved ones to be honored should apply to the memorial fund by Feb. 28.

Applications can be obtained by calling 202-393-0090 or by visiting the fund's Web site **www.vvmf.org**.

A copy of the death certificate and military records showing service in Vietnam must accompany application.

#### Vietnam Veterans present "Moving Wall" memorial in April

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Harford County Chapter 588, and Harford Community College will present the American Veterans Traveling Tribute known as the "Moving Wall," April 17 to 20 at Harford Community College.

The "wall" is a four-fifths scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The four-day event includes educational displays, locator computers for those wishing to find the name of a friend or relative on the wall, counseling services, a bronze replica of the Vietnam Women's Memorial and a 40-foot POW/MIA flag.

A service remembering Harford County service members lost during Vietnam will take place April 19, 1 p.m. The ceremony includes guest speakers who will provide insight on the historical aspects of the Vietnam War.

The display will be open for visitors 24 hours a day while at HCC.

For more information, contact Norman Boskind, chair-

man, Harford County Veterans Commission, at 410-893-0337.

## ACS holds 'Dad's Boot Camp'

Parents and Children Together invites all fathers to the "Dad's Boot Camp," March 31, at Army Community Service, building 2754 Roadman at Aberdeen Proving Ground. For more information, call Diana Hayes, Parents and Children Together Program coordinator, 410-278-4372. RSVP by March 28.

#### **RAB** meeting March 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on March 27, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the J-Field and Canal Creek Study Areas and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

### Active parenting classes to start soon

Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, will be offering Active Parenting Today classes for parents with children ages 6-12. Classes meet for six weeks on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at ACS Building 2754 on Rodman Road.

Those interested in taking Active Parenting Today, should call Laura Reich at 410-278-7478 by March 17.

Below is the schedule of topics.

March 18 - The Active Parent

March 25 - Instilling Courage and Self-Esteem

April 1 - Understanding Your Child April 8 - Developing Responsibility

April 15 - Winning Cooperation

April 22 - Active Parenting in a Democratic Society

#### 'Gypsy' on Broadway, in New York City

Take a trip to the Big Apple May 17 to see "Gypsy," a revival of the 1959 musical based upon the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee. Before the show, there will be time for shopping and lunch. The price is \$120 per person, which includes charter bus transportation and ticket for the show

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

### Training for effective parenting of teens

Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, will be offering Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Teenagers (STEP/TEEN) for parents with pre-teens or teenagers. Classes will meet for six weeks on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at ACS Building 2754 on Rodman Road.

Anyone interested in taking STEP/TEEN, should call Laura Reich at 410-278-7478 by March 19

Training schedule:

Solving

March 20 - Understanding Yourself and You Teenager

March 27 - Changing Your Response to Your Teen

April 3 - Communicating
Respect and Encouragement

Respect and Encouragement
April 10 - Encouraging
Cooperation and Problem

April 17 - Using Consequences to Build Responsibility

April 24 - Deciding What To Do

## Opportunity for government employees to recycle used electronic equipment

Don't trash old electronics - "eCycle" used tors, printers, scanners, keyboards, modems, electronic equipment on April 10 and 11 at the Maryland Department of the Environment.

MDE, in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, will offer an electronic equipment recycling opportunity to federal, state and local employees.

The event will be held at MDE's Montgomery Park headquarters, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore.

Government employees with proper ID can drop off their personal, used electronic equipment at MDE's loading dock.

Acceptable items include computers, moni-

laptops, TVs and cables.

eCycling electronics keeps toxic materials out of landfills. Electronic equipment contains material such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and

These materials need to be handled properly and not released into the environment.

For more information including event times and directions, call MDE at 410-537-3314, or MDE's Web www.mde.state.md.us.

## Industry

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fields.

"In some cases, such as explosive ordnance disposal or missile systems repair, we are, in fact, the industry standard. But, in automotive technologies, electronics, or allied trades technologies, the industry standards and latest emerging technologies exist in the civilian world.'

Currently, the Ordnance Corps has been successful in gaining accreditation for its training courses with the Electronic Technician Association for all electronics courses and MOSs; NIMS for the machinist course (MOS 44E); AWS for the welding course (MOS 44B).

Work is ongoing for accreditation from the Partnership for Heating and Air Conditioning Accreditation for the heating and air conditioning course (MOS 52C), and the Continuing Automotive Service Education headed by the Automotive Service Excellence for all of the Corps' automotive-based courses.

Herrell has personally been busy working the program for the Ordnance Corps.

He is quick to explain that many ordnance soldiers have pursued technical certification on their own, particularly with the ASE program.

"We currently have more than 1,500 soldiers in the Army who are ASE certified," Herrell said.

"A technical certification," explained the sergeant major, "is simply a competency examination, period. Similar to the Army's old skill qualification test [SQT], it is a test that measures your level of knowledge in your technical

"We know that civilian technical certifications are not designed specifically for Army soldiers, and they contain some things that are not found or required in the Army. However, Army electrons flow through wires the same way they do in civilian wires, and Army engines operate using fuel, air, and combustion like civilian engines. We realize that there are often subtle differences in required knowledge between Army and civilian technicians, but the same principles that make things work are so similar, and the transference of relevant knowledge is so high, that civilian technical certification offers an excellent means to measure competency - and they are available now."

The Ordnance Corps is simultaneously working within the Army to gain recognition for civilian certification.

"We have a proposal before the Army personnel folks that requests that ordnance soldiers be awarded up to 75 promotion points for related technical certifications."

Herrell went on to explain that the centralized promotion boards already look at technical certification.

"Our guidance to these boards includes heavy emphasis on related technical certifications. Already, soldiers with technical certifications are being looked at more competitively than soldiers without certifications.

"The benefit to the Ordnance Corps and the Army is powerful." Stevenson said. "We currently have no means in place that allows us to measure the technical competency levels of our soldiers. When soldiers certify, they have demonstrated a measure of competency that is measurable. And, it costs the Army nothing. The soldier studied and prepared on his or her own to get ready for the examinations and took it on his or her own initiative. The soldiers who are pursuing certification are doing what we continually stress to all of our soldiers - they are seeking professional self-development. The bottom line, such as the case with ASE, is that we get mechanics that, on their own, learned more about their job and achieved a higher level of knowledge and technical competence."

There is a benefit to civilian industry as well, noted Herrell.

"When a soldier is certified, an employer easily recognizes the credentials, and they know what level of technical competency the soldier holds. Now, the employer gets an employee with technical credentials and also a demonstrated level of performance in a competency that is becoming more valuable as time goes on - being a good employee.

"Soldiers are dependable, show up on time, have a high sense of loyalty, are goal-oriented, have embedded morals, values, ethics and understand the idea of 'making it happen'. In addition," said the sergeant major, "this nation will be short approximately 250,000 skilled technicians in the next few years, and separating soldiers represent an important additional pool of critically needed employees in the workforce."

With the transformation in the Army and in equipment used by the Army, Herrell sees a critical need for increased interaction with cıvılıan ındustry.

"I'd have to say the future looks interesting indeed and I foresee eventually having to produce an MOS that is a hybrid of an automotive technician and electronics technician. We're already batting around ideas of how to prepare for hydrogen fuel cell powered and electric motor driven combat systems. Composite materials, new automotive technologies, and advances in electronics create stunning scenarios and possibilities for our mechanics of the future, and with that, I'm sure we'll have to respond with a new MOS or two."

And, he added, much of the technology for the future exists in civilian industry today.

"All-in-all," noted Stevenson, "for the Ordnance Corps, for the Army, for the soldier and for civilian industry, the certification and accreditation process is entirely a win-win situation."



Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, the Army's chief of Ordnance, shakes hands with Paul Huber, an executive board member of the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc., following the unveiling of the NIMS accreditation certificate for the Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's machinist course March 6.

## Chaplain's Corner 'A man acquainted with sorrow'



Chaplain (Maj.) Ernest L. Vermont **USAGAPG** 

Rabbi Norman E. Singer tells a poignant story about human sorrow. He relates an old Chinese tale about a woman whose only son died.

In her grief she went to the holy man and said, "What magical incantations do you have that will bring my son back to life?"

Instead of sending her away or reasoning with her, he said, "Fetch me a mustard seed from a home that has never known sorrow. We will use it to drive the sorrow out of your

The woman set out at once in search of the magical seed.

She came first to a splendid mansion, knocked at the door, and said, "I am seeking a home that has never known sadness. Is this the place?"

They told her, "You have come to the wrong place," and began to describe all the tragic things that had befallen them.

The woman said to herself, 'Who is more able to help these poor people than myself, who has also known great sor-

She stayed on and comforted them, then went on in search for a home that had never known sorrow. But wherever she turned, in hovels and in palaces, she found one tale after another of sadness and misfortune. She became so involved in ministering to other people's grief she forgot about her quest for the magical seed, never realizing it had in this Lenten season be a turning fact driven the sorrow out of her life.

During this Lenten season your particular sorrow.

Christians all over the world reverently remember that Isaiah the prophet some 700 years before the birth of Jesus described in detail that he too was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief".

Jesus' whole earthly life was spent comforting, touching and healing the hurts and needs of thousands of people. He came to earth as God in the flesh to identify totally with you and me.

Only a God who knows us completely can point us on our Lenten journey towards the cross. Ultimately, it is the horrors of the crucifixion of Jesus that are capable of confronting and conquering the unique pain people face. Jesus' death absorbed the whole world's sorrow. Christ ALONE can drive sorrow from people's

The critical question is: will you let Him do it? Why not let point in your life. Come to Christ and let Him deal with

#### **TEDCO, APG, U.S. Army Medical Research** and Materiel Command host tech showcase

Ann Marie Lisowski **TEDCO** 

The Maryland Technology Development Corporation, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and the U. S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command are hosting "Emerging Technologies and Opportunities: Bioscience, Health, and Medical Technologies," March 26 at the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center Conference Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The showcase will present cutting edge technologies that are ready for commercialization by businesses and entrepreneurs. It will feature presentations from researchers of the host organizations in addition to presentations that will overview state and federal funding support for technology transfer projects. Also, information on APG facilities, capabilities, and expertise for collaborative efforts with businesses and entrepreneurs will be reviewed.

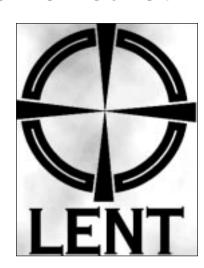
At the showcase, entrepreneurs and small business owners will have the opportunity to learn how to partner with some of the worldrenowned federal laboratory research centers. Through partnerships, attendees can find technologies to surpass the competition, increase profits and stay at the forefront of their industry by taking advantage of technology transfer opportunities.

Visit www.mdhitech.org or call Angie Bergeron at 240-453-6267 or e-mail abergeron@mdhitech.org by March 19. For security check-in information visit www.mdhitech.org.

Businesses requiring more information on the showcase should call Ron Kaese at 410-715-4170 or e-mail him at rkaese@marylandtedco.org or visit www.marylandtedco.org/programs/federal labs.html.

The cost to attend is \$40.

### **APG Catholic** Community Lenten schedule



#### **Aberdeen Area Chapel**

March 19, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. March 22, Adult Lenten retreat, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 26, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. April 2, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. April 5, Confirmation retreat, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 9, Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. April 13, Palm Sunday mass, 8:30 a.m. April 16, Ecumenical Tenebrae service, 7 p.m. April 17, Holy Thursday mass, 11:45 a.m. April 18, Good Friday service, 11:45 a.m. April 20, Easter Sunday mass, 8:30 a.m.

#### **Edgewood Area Chapel**

March 13, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. March 20, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. March 27, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. April 3, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. April 10, Stations of the cross, 7 p.m. April 13, Palm Sunday mass, 10:45 a.m. April 15, Ecumenical Tenebrae service, 7 p.m. April 17, Holy Thursday mass, 7 p.m. April 18, Good Friday mass, 11:45 a.m. April 19, Easter vigil, 7 p.m. April 20, Easter Sunday mass, 10:45 a.m.

#### **Protestant Lenten** devotionals

The APG Post Chapel will hold Protestant Lenten Devotionals in the Social Hall at noon, each Wednesday through April 9. The devotionals will be followed by a light lunch ending at 12:45 p.m. Call 410-278-4333 for lunch reservations two days

prior to each day of atten-

Holy Week Devotionals will be held at noon from April 21 through 23 at the Post Chapel. The devotionals will be followed by a light lunch ending at 12:45 p.m. Call 410-278-4333 for lunch reservations two days prior to each day of attendance.

#### **Morning prayers** and reflections

Bible readings, reflection and prayer will be held Monday mornings from 6:30 to 7 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, March 24 through May 19.

For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Ernest L. Vermont, Garrison chaplain, 410-278-4333.

#### Organist/choir director needed

The Edgewood Chapel Protestant Congregation is in need of an organist/choir director for 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning service and weekly Wednesday evening choir practices.

Successful candidate will be able to meet the logistical, administrative and programming needs of the Protestant religious musical program. This is a contract position.

For more information, call the APG Chapel, 410-278-4333.

#### **PWOC offers Bible studies**

The APG Protestant Women of the Chapel invite everyone to attend Bible Study every Monday at 7 p.m., or every Thursday at 9

On Monday, study Joyce Meyer's, Battlefield of the Mind, Winning the Battle in Your Mind. On Thursday, choose from four new Bible Studies: Restore My Heart, Denise Glenn; Professional-izing Motherhood, by Jill Savage; Calm My Anxious Heart, by Linda Dillow; or Fruit of the Spirit, by Beth Moore.

Child care is provided on Thursday mornings, but not available on Monday evenings. These studies do not meet on federal holidays or when the schools are closed due to inclement weather.

For more information, call the APG Chapel at 410-278-4333.

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

#### **Aberdeen Area Chapel**

Building 2485 410-278-4333/2886

#### Catholic

Saturday confessions, 4 p.m. and anytime by appointment Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m. Sunday mass, 8:45 a.m. CCD, September to May, 10 a.m. Weekday mass, Monday to Thursday, 11:45

First Friday Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

and mass, 11 a.m. Choir practice, Wednesday, 7:30

p.m. Rosary, Monday, 6:30 p.m. Catholic Youth of the Chapel, fourth Sunday, 12:30

p.m. Gospel Sunday school, (all ages), 11:30

a.m.

Worship service, 12:30 p.m. Women's fellowship, first Saturday, 9 a.m. Men's fellowship (Thursday), 7 p.m. Singles fellowship

10 a.m. Choir practice, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday, 7

(fourth Saturday),

#### Islam

Every Friday, noon to 1:30 p.m. in building 5447. Call Sgt. 1st Class Washington, 410-278-5394 for more information.

#### **Jewish**

Luncheon each Thursday, noon in the chapel social hall.

#### **Latter Day Saints**

Every Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., classroom 3

#### **Protestant**

Sunday school, September to May, 9 a.m. Worship service, 10:15 a.m. Choir practice, September to May, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel, Wednesday,

noon

Protestant Men of the Chapel, (second Saturday, 8 a.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel, Monday, 7

Protestant Women of the Chapel, Thursday,

#### **Edgewood Area Chapel**

Building E-4620

#### 410-436-4107/4109 Catholic

Sunday confessions, anytime by appoint-

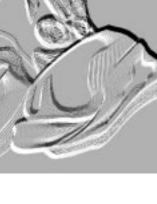
ment, 10 a.m. Sunday mass, 10:45 a.m. CCD, September to May, 9:15 a.m. Weekday mass, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:45

Communion service, Monday Deacon, 11:45 a.m. Choir practice

Wednesday, 7 Hispanic prayer group, Friday, 7 p.m.

#### **Latter Day** Saints

Every Sunday, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Center



#### **Protestant**

Worship service, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Bible study, Sunday after services, 11 a.m. Adult Bible study, Tuesday, 11:45 a.m. Choir practice, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Christian Fellowship Luncheon Third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 a.m. Chapel Coffee House - Solider Fellowship, every Saturday evening, 6 p.m.

NOTE: After duty hours, in case of emergency, call the staff duty officer at 278-4500 or visit www.apg.army.mil/garrison/chaplain/default.htm any time for more information.

## Community Notes

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 15 GET AWAY FOR A DAY**

Take a trip with NET **NEMOW (TEN WOMEN** Investment Club) to Dover Downs, Del., and Rehobeth outlets for gaming and shopping. Cost is \$35.

The bus will leave from the Aberdeen Plaza Shopping Center at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. For more information and reservations, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-1489, Connie Williams, 410-272-4902, or Bertha Copeland, 410-272-3744.

#### **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

The 16th Ordnance **Battalion Family Readiness** Group is sponsoring a family bingo night at the APG Recreation Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Food will be available to purchase, and there will be activities for children during the bingo games.

For more information, call Laura Keegan at 410-273-

#### **MARCH 15 TO 22 SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

It is time again for the annual Harvest for the Hungry. This year Aberdeen Proving Ground's own Cub Scout Pack 924 and Boy Scout Troop 429 will be working with the local U.S. Postal workers to collect food for those less fortunate. The week of March 15 through 22 letter carriers will accept donations everyday. Another option is that on March 15 the Cub Scouts will be distributing door hangers to all of the quarters on post. Anyone wishing to donate should leave their donation on their doorstep on March 22, and the Boy Scouts will pick it up. No one will knock on doors so donators do not have to be home to donate. Since there is no food locker on post, the Scouts will take the donations to the churches in Aberdeen to add to their supplies for the needy. Any questions can be directed to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Mathis at 410-278-5641.

#### **SUNDAY** MARCH 16 **BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194,

336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a Basket Bingo starting at 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28. For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingors@aol.com.

#### **FRIDAY** MARCH 21 **MOA HOSTS RECOGNITION DINNER**

The Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, previously known as The Retired Officers Association, is hosting a recognition dinner at 6 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in Aberdeen.

This year's honorees are Col. Morton Brisker, legislative representative for Maryland state and local chapters, and Col. Charles M. Shadle, APG liaison for the association and chairman of APG retiree day.

MOA represents all commissioned officers, active duty, retired, or reserve. Vice Admiral Norbert Ryan, president of MOA, will be the guest speaker.

To reserve tickets (\$20 to \$24 depending on menu choice), call Lt. Col. Monroe Manning, 410-272-9155 by March 17

#### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY **MARCH 21, 22 WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to their Spring retreat at the APG Main Post Chapel. Guest speaker Candy Davidson, director of Sandy Coves Ministries, will remind attendees that "nothing is impossible with God."

The retreat will include dinner and session on Friday night, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and breakfast, lunch and program from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Child care is available but must be reserved in advance. A \$20 donation and reservations must be in by March 14. Scholarships are available.

Contact Laura Keegan at 410-273-0161 or Shirley Huffman at 410-273-1497 for information or to register.

#### **MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MARCH 24TO 28 UPL CERTIFICATION COURSE**

The Unit Prevention Leader Certification Course will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Commanders are reminded that all nominees must have had a background check initiated prior to attending the course. Slots are limited.

For reservations, call Cindy Scott at 410-278-3784 or Dadrain Willis at 410-278-3810.

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 25 ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB PANCAKE DINNER**

The Aberdeen Lions Club will host their annual Pancake Dinner at the Aberdeen High School from 4 to 7 p.m. Club members are selling tickets for \$5.50 in advance for those 4 years and over (\$6 at the door); children 3 years and under are free. Price includes allyou-can-eat pancakes, sausage and drinks.

For tickets, contact any club member or call 410-939-9082. The club will use profits from this fund raiser for their community service

#### Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

#### **DARKNESS FALLS**

Friday, March 14, 7 p.m. Starring: Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield

When he was a young boy, Kyle (Chaney Kley) claimed that while he was sleeping, he acci-



dentally woke up and saw the Tooth Fairy, who tried to kill him. Since then, he has been considered crazy by everyone in town, except for his childhood girlfriend, Caitlin (Emma Caulfield), and her younger brother. But now, Hell is coming back as that black haired, winged creature of doom that Kyle described as coming back to town, and she's not leaving without Caitlin's brother. (Rated PG-13)



#### **FINAL DESTINATION 2** (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, March 15, 7 p.m. Starring: Ali Larter, A.J. Cook

Kimberly Corman and her friends decide to head out on a trip. On the way, they get caught

up in a horrible accident, in which Kimberly survives, but her friends die brutally. Kimberly also saves a few other people. Soon after the accident, the survivors of the accident start dropping like flies. Now, it's up to Kimberly, along with the help of Flight 180 junkie Thomas Burke, Clear Rivers, and the Mortician William Bloodworth, to find a way to stop death before it's too late... before it's her turn.

#### **NARC**

Saturday, March 15, 9 p.m. Starring: Jason Patric, Ray Liotta

A narcotics cop, Nick Tellis, who happens to be a recovering drug addict, is assigned to help uncover the truth behind the



murder of a young officer. Nick teams up with the dead officer's partner, Henry Oak, and the cover-up they unravel could destroy them both. (Rated R)

activities and scholarships.

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 29 USO SHOWTO HONOR** THE MILITARY

The Junior Girls Unit of the **Dublin-Darlington VFW Post** 10146 is hosting a USO show to honor all past and present military to raise funds for Operation USO Care Package. The VFW is located at 3440 Conowingo Road (on Rt. 1 near Rt. 136) in Street, Md.

The first show and buffet dinner at 2 p.m., specifically for active-duty military and their family members, is free of charge.

The second show and buffet dinner at 4 p.m. will be open to the general public at a cost of \$10 per person.

Performers include the local classic and contemporary jazz band Defractions, the North Harford High School Madrigals, and local vocal artists, performing several renditions of patriotic and pop music. In addition, the VFW Junior Girls Unit will perform several patriotic skits and songs. A karaoke machine is available for anyone else wanting to perform a selection.

Call 410-457-5461 to reserve a seat.

#### **FRIDAY** APRIL 4 **BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, 21 North Rogers Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m. There will be 20 games, door prizes and raffles. Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds will benefit Parent Child Care Association of APG/EA Child Development Center. Tickets cost \$10.

For tickets and information

call Nancy Hofman, 410-569-9126 or Leeann Domanico, 410-836-5618.

#### **BASKET BINGO**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area Child Development Center will hold Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, 21 North Rogers Street, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 and include 20 games of bingo, door prizes and raffles. Refreshments will be sold; proceeds will benefit Parent Child Care Association of the APG/EA Child Development Center. For information or tickets, call Nancy Hofmann, 410-569-9126 or Leeann Domanico, 410-836-5618.

#### **COUNTRY HOE DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8; cash bar and no lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

#### **APRIL 25TO MAY 30** The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to Italy,

April 25 to May 3 to tour Rome, Perugia, Florence Venice and Pisa. Excursions include the Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, and St. Peter's Basilica; the Great Fountain, Cathedral and Priors' Palace in Perugia; Michelangelo's tomb and Gates of Paradise in Florence; the Roman Forum; Scenic Brenta Riviera Drive; and cruise to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs in Venice.

The price per person is \$2,250 for a single, \$2,150 per person for a double room, and \$2,100 per person for a triple room. A \$150 deposit per person is due upon reservation. Price includes airfare, hotel, tours, and specified meals, transfers to and from the airport and taxes.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

## WIC available for service members

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

A government-sponsored supplemental food and health education program is available to service members and their families stationed stateside and overseas.

The Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC, has been offered to troops and their families in the continental United States since 1972. WIC became available to military families across Asia and Europe beginning January 2001.

Today, about 25,500 service members participate in the Women, Infants, and Children Overseas program, said Danita Hunter, the WICO program manager at the TRICARE Management Activity headquarters in Falls Church, Va. WIC provides dietary advice and nutritious food to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and toddlers, she said. Participation is based on income, family size and nutritional need.

The Department of Agriculture administers the program stateside, where WIC serves 45 percent of all infants born in the

United States, Hunter noted. Overseas, WIC is co-managed by TRICARE, medical and Defense Commissary Agency officials.

WIC participants receive health screenings, nutritional education and health counseling services, she said. Those in stateside programs receive vouchers redeemable at local stores for milk, baby formula, bread, cheese, cereals, fruits and vegetables. Service members stationed overseas receive WIC-approved foods at military commissaries and Navy exchange markets.

"I consider WIC to be a valuable health program," Hunter said. She noted that some military families, like their civilian counterparts, might simply have too many people to adequately feed on a particular income.

Family size is indeed considered as a factor in determining eligibility for the program, Hunter said. Income alone, she pointed out, is not the determining eligibility factor.

"We want all our children to be healthy," Hunter remarked. "And medical studies show that children who receive a nutritious diet develop more robust immune systems than those with unhealthy diets. This decreases the possibilities of infections or

diseases "

Service members serving stateside who want to sign up for WIC can inquire at their installation family support office, Hunter noted. For details on WIC, eligibility rules, income tables and more, visit the Agriculture Department's WIC Web site at www.fns.usda.gov/wic.

The site includes lists of participating state agencies addresses at http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/ContactsMenu.htm and local and toll-free phone numbers at http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Contacts/tollfreenumbers.htm.

Troops stationed overseas, she added, should note there are WIC offices in Germany, England, the Netherlands, Iceland, Spain, Belgium, Turkey, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Hunter noted that WIC participation can be transferred between overseas and stateside assignments.

For more overseas information, visit TRICARE's WIC Web site at tricare.osd.mil/wic/default.htm.

## Processing third party liability claims

**MEDCOM** 

One of the more common issues that complicate the processing of TRICARE claims is the requirement to document possible Third Party Liability. If a TRI-CARE beneficiary is injured as a result of an action or the negligence of a third person, the TRICARE contractor must consider possible liability prior to processing the claim. If appropriate, the contractor must pursue the government's recovery rights under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act. If the liable third party has other health insurance including auto or homeowner's medical insurance, no-fault auto, or uninsured motorist coverage - that does not cover all expenses, TRICARE will coordinate as secondary coverage.

If the OHI pays the bill in full, TRI-CARE will pay nothing.

To the beneficiary, the visible evidence of this requirement is a letter from the claims processor requesting a completed DD Form 2527 (Statement of Personal Injury-Possible Third Party Liability). If the requested TPL form is not received within 35 days of the initial request, the claim must be denied. The decision whether or not to request a TPL

determination is based upon the diagnosis on the claim. All inpatient claims with a diagnosis code between 800 and 999 require an evaluation of TPL. The same is true for any outpatient claim with the same range of codes, in which the TRICARE liability exceeds \$500.

The 800 to 999 code range includes fractures and dislocations, sprains, most injuries and wounds, contusions, possible complications of injury such as shock or embolism, poisonings, and complications associated with surgical or medical care. Using the completed TPL form, the TRICARE contractor can determine whether or not to pursue reimbursement.

The most common complaints about this process are "...I just slipped and there was no other person involved... why do I have to complete the form...?" or "...I have already sent a form, why must I send another...?"

Concerning the first complaint, TRI-CARE has no way of knowing whether a broken wrist or head injury was caused by a driver rear-ending you at a stop light, or whether you slipped in your own yard and hurt yourself. The TPL form helps make this determination.

request, the claim must be denied. The In the second complaint, each claim in decision whether or not to request a TPL an episode of care is processed indepen-

dently. If the claims processor does not make the connection between two or more claims, it may send out duplicate requests for a TPL form. The easiest way to face this situation is to make a copy of any correspondence sent to the TRI-CARE claims processor. Rather than try to coordinate with the contractor to locate lost or misplaced paperwork, it is often easier just to mail or fax another copy of this important form.

A copy of the DD Form 2527 can be downloaded and printed from http://www.tricare.osd.mil/claims/.

Refer any specific problems or questions about this process to either the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator at the nearest military hospital or send e-mail to THEMS at TRICARE\_Help@amedd.army.mil.

NOTE: The online BCAC directory is can be viewed at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/BCACDirectory.htm.

(Editor's note: This article is reprinted from the TRICARE Help Newsletter, a publication of the TRICARE Help E-Mail Service, operated by the US Army Medical Command in San Antonio, Texas

## Dialogue vital to reducing children's fears

Chris Walz

Army News Service

The threat of more terrorist attacks and the heightened Homeland Security alert level can contribute to children's stress, according to Army Community Service officials.

Parents should monitor their children's behavior and talk frequently with their school, officials from ACS said, to help them through stressful times.

"Terrorism is a conscientious effort to coerce through fear," said Fort Myer's Army Community Service Chief Colleen Tuddenham. "This is a battlefield of the mind. There have been many more psychological casualties than the physical casualties because of the Sept. 11 attacks."

Tuddenham said dialogue is always important in a family, and parents should remember actions often times speak louder than words.

"Toddlers don't understand a lot, so it's important to give them a lot of love and cuddling," Tuddenham said. "At that age, they are extremely receptive to what parents do and they need to be a model of calm behavior. They can't run around saying the sky is falling."

Jean LaFauci, a mental health therapist for Arlington County's Project Resilience, said parents should also monitor their own behavior and maintain their routine.

"Parents should go about their day like it's any other normal day," said LaFauci.

"If the threat level is heightened again and parents freak out and start rearranging their schedule, the child will feel the stress as well."

Tuddenham said when it comes to dialogue, one size doesn't

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## Morale, Recreation & Welfare

## Activities

#### **Introduction to Woods**

This one-hour class will help improve your golf score by teaching you the proper grip, stance, and swing of the woods. Class will be held on Mar. 20 at Ruggles Golf Course from 5 to 6 p.m. Register by Mar. 14 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10.

For more information call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **Introduction to Irons**

This one-hour class will help improve your golf score by teaching you the proper grip, stance, and swing. Class will be held on Mar. 16 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 2 p.m. Register by Mar. 6 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **Yoga Fit**

Yoga Fit is a hybrid style of yoga that is fitness oriented and user friendly. The Yoga Fit style follows the traditional group exercise model warm-up, work and cool down. Yoga Fit draws on Ashtanga, lyengar and Kundilini yoga but maintains the safety guidelines and eliminates the fitness contraindications.

There are two sets of classes - March 24 to May 21 at Youth Services from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and March 25 to May 22 at AA Youth Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Cost for this series is \$30. Register by March 13 at MWR Registration or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### March Madness 3 on 3

Basketball tournament weekend runs from Mar. 22 to 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center. Cost is \$30 for active duty and \$40 for others. This is a five-person roster, threeperson play, half-court games, 30-minute running clock, double elimination, officials, and awards for 1st and 2nd place. Register by March 10 at MWR Registration or APG Athletic Center.

For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **NCAA Men's Basketball March Madness**

The Sutherland Clubhouse at Ruggles Golf Course is the place to be for all your

NCAA Men's Basketball action. We will have EVERY game for the entire tournament on television. Don't get forced to watch the "local" game, we have all the action! There will be limited bar service, draft beer and food specials during the games. The action runs March 20 to April 7. Times will depend on the schedule of games. For more information contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### St. Patrick's Day Sale

Ruggles Golf Course is having a St. Patrick's Day sale through March 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting). Receive 40 percent off any items that are green, 75 percent off selected group of ladies and men's gloves, and 20 percent off all other golf merchandise (shoes and balls not included). For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278or tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### Circus tickets available

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus tickets are available at MWR Registration. Price is \$16.

Two shows each day – March 15, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 16, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. March 22, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 23, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR at

MWR\_Registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### Easter egg decorating class

Give the Easter Bunny a break by learning how to design eggs for Easter and fill baskets with these special eggs. Discover the fun of coloring eggs with dye. Class will be held on March 29, 1 to 2 p.m. in the AA Recreation Center. Cost for this class is \$10; all supplies will be provided. Register by March 25 at MWR Registration or online www.apgmwr.com. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or email chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **Basic cake decorating**

Learn a new hobby or even career March 22, 1 to 4 p.m. at the AA Recreation Center. Participants will learn how to make patterns and designs. Cost is \$25. Register by March 14 at MWR Registration or online www.apgmwr.com. For more information contact Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil

#### **Introduction to the Short**

#### Game

This one-hour class can help improve a golfer's short game by teaching the proper grip, stance and swing. Class will be held March 30 at Ruggles Golf Course from 1 to 2 p.m. Register by March 21 at MWR Registration, Ruggles Golf Course, or online at www.apgmwr.com. Cost is \$10. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### Indoor coed soccer league

This is an eight-week league that ends in a double elimination Championship Tournament with awards. League starts April 4, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Russell Gym. Cost is \$150 per team with 10-person roster; five-person play. Register at MWR Registration by March 28. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or stacie.umbarger@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### Chili Cook off and Tournament cancelled

Due to severe weather this winter, the Chili Cook off and Golf Tournament have been cancelled for the year. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278tom.green@ussag.apg.army.mil.

#### NCAA Men's Basketball March madness

The Sutherland Clubhouse at Ruggles Golf Course is the place to be for NCAA Men's Basketball action. MWR will air every game of the tournament on television. There will be limited bar service, draft beer and food specials during the games. The action starts March 20 and runs through April 7; times will depend on the schedule of games. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### Opening Day Scramble

Four player Captain's Choice scramble at Ruggles Golf Course. Teams may enter as a team or individuals will be paired into foursomes. Lunch and prizes are presented after the tournament. Event will be held on April 5, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Register by April 1 at Ruggles Golf Course or MWR Registration.

For more information contact Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **APG BGCAYOUTH OF** character in their daily

Library Book Corner

novel of men at war.

Gilligan's Wake by Tom

The Last Detective by

**The Jester** by James

The Best Revenge by

Stephen White

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library,

**Derailed** by James Siegel

building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30

a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30

To receive a complete listing of the library's new materi-

als via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call

Six Easy Pieces by Walter

**Robert Crais** 

Mosley

Patterson

The Pilots by James Spencer

This novel follows the progress of a

afterward. The book works on three

an aviation tale, and a more literary

Hollywood Tough by Stephen Cannell

diverse group of pilots, their colleagues

and girlfriends, during the last years of

the war in the Pacific, and immediately

levels, as a World War II military story,

A few of the new books available at the APG MWR

libraries include:

#### THEYEAR PROGRAM

the library at 410-278-3417.

Under a new, revised program concept, and entering its third year as a Youth Services program for teens, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Boys and Girls Club of America 'Youth of the Year' Program is seeking teens with leadership potential who want to compete and make a statement about who they are.

To be eligible, teens, military or civilian, must be either a 9th, 10th or 11th grader in high school, be in good standing in school, maintain at least a "C" average, be an active member of their local youth center on post and in good standing, and complete a detailed application, which includes two essay questions.

"Teens who like to compete, who are proud of their accomplishments and want someone to know, and who have demonstrated leadership and service in the home, school, community, and youth center, and who exemplify moral

lives should consider participating in this worthwhile program," said Ivan Mehosky, APG School Liaison representative.

Teens interested in participating in Phase One of the Youth of the Year Program, which covers the period January through June 2003, (Phase Two covers the period July through December) should visit Angie Shannon at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522, or Catherine Hanlon at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902.

An adult teen panel will interview each teen.

At the end of each sixmonth period, an awards ceremony is conducted to recognize and honor the winner from each center.

The program year culminates by announcing the two 'Youth of the Year' winners, who then represent APG in the BGCA State of Maryland competition in March in Annapolis,

#### Arts and Crafts to feature woodshop and framing classes The woodshop orientation is a safety MWR Registration is located in the

Travel Office (formerly Information, Ticketing and Registration Office) in building 3326. For more information or to register, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

#### **Woodshop orientation**

Classes are scheduled March 1, April 5 and May 3, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$5.

course, required in order to use the wood-

For more information, call Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or e-mail holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil.

Framing

Classes will be held March 27, April 24 and May 29, 5 to 9 p.m. in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440; and March 1, April 5 and May 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area Arts & Crafts building 2407. Cost is \$25 plus supplies

This beginning class teaches the fundamentals of framing and matting. Students must bring an 8 inch by 10 inch picture to frame.

For more information, call Holly Shisler, 410-436-2153, or e-mail holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil or Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207,

or e-mail her at debbie.brooksharris@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Aberdeen Youth Services begins a new SMART Girls course

Aberdeen Youth Service

In response to the growing need to provide young women with the necessary skills to "say no" to drugs, alcohol and premature sexual activity at an early age, the Aberdeen Youth Services is beginning another SMART Girls course.

This prevention program, targeting young women ages 10 to 14, was developed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and is supported by the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the health of women of all ages.

SMART Girls takes the skills, mastery and resistance training concept even further by providing gender- and age-specific information to help young women develop the necessary skills to have a long and healthy life. The specific curriculum for SMART Girls teaches young women how to do the following:

- · Understand and appreciate their bodies and the physiological changes they are experiencing. • Develop good lifetime nutritional habits which are based
- on an understanding of their nutritional needs. • Acquire healthy exercise habits which include a broad
- range of physical activity and lifetime sports. • Understand and access the health care delivery system.

"From research, plus on-the-job experience, CYS knows that the years between 10 and 14 are critically important and represent a 'make or break' stage for the young women served by the club," said Norma Warwick, director, Aberdeen Area Youth Services. "We are pleased to have a program that improves relationships between young women and the older significant

females in their lives. We think it's important for a young woman to establish a positive relationship with an adult female, a relationship that can foster self-esteem and a 'can-do' atti-

The first SMART Girls session will be at the Aberdeen Youth Services March 19, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and will be an icebreaker

There will be a SMART Girls Parents meeting, March 12, 5:30 to 6 p.m. to give parents an opportunity to examine the SMART Girls curriculum and ask the instructor, Tonya Turner, questions regarding the course format and group structure. Due to the curriculum's sensitive subject matter included in the "Lifeskills" and "Know Your Body" components.

"We highly encourage parents to attend this session," Warwick said. "The discussions in these meetings can be very frank."

Issues brought up in these group sessions are confidential between the group and the adult advisor. To ensure parents are aware of the course material, Turner will have copies of the upcoming component available for the parents one week in advance. If a parent is not comfortable with their daughter participating in the upcoming session, this provides an opportunity to prevent attendance for that specific class.

This is Turner's second year as the SMART Girls adult advisor. This is a curriculum that supports the development of early adolescent girls.

If unable to attend the Parent Meeting on March 12 and there are questions, call Tonya Turner at 410-278-4995.

#### **Arts and Crafts to hold stained** glass and ceramics classes



#### **Stained Glass**

Classes will be held March 15, April 19 and May 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$25 including supplies.

This beginning class teach-

es students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method.

For more information, call Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 her e-mail holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.



#### Ceramics

Classes will be held April 12 and May 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440. Cost is \$15 including supplies.

This basic ceramics class teaches the fundamentals of mold pouring, glazing and painting. For more information, call Holly Shisler at 410e-mail 436-2153 or holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil.

## Safety\_

## **Consumer Product Safety Commission announces recalls**



**Nychelle Fleming** 

#### Monsters, Inc. character plush dolls

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, The Disney Store, Inc., headquartered in Glendale.Calif.. is voluntarily recalling about 14,500 Sulley with Boo plush dolls sold exclusively at The Disney Store nationwide. The recalled 12-inch doll is a blue monster named Sulley that is holding a 6-inch girl doll, named Boo. Both are characters in the 2001 animated film, Monsters, Inc. The Boo doll's hair has ponytail holders that could detach, posing a choking hazard for young children.

The Disney Store has not received any reports of injuries or incidents involving these dolls and is voluntarily recalling them to prevent future incidents.

The recall includes only the 12-inch Sulley with Boo plush

The Sulley doll is a blue

monster with purple spots, a tail and horns. Sulley is holding a Boo doll in his right arm. Boo is a little girl with dark hair and small pink ball ponytail holders and rubber bands. Labels on the Sulley doll read, "Disney Store," "SULLEY W/BOO 12"," and "Made in China."

The Disney Stores nationwide exclusively sold these plush dolls from July 2002 through October 2002 for about \$20.

Consumers should immediately remove and discard the two pink ponytail holders and two rubber bands from the Boo doll's hair, or return the item to any Disney Store for a full refund. For more information, call Disney at 1-800-566-3161 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.disneystore.com.

This recall involves only the Sulley with Boo dolls sold exclusively at The Disney Store and does not reflect items sold through the Disney catalog or at other retail outlets. Additionally, the batteryoperated talking version of the Sulley with Boo doll is not part of this recall.

Consumers can visit CPSC

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pr erel/prhtml03/03035.html.

### **CPSC**, Baby Trend announce recall to repair infant swings sold at Toys R Us

Nychelle Fleming

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Baby Trend Inc., of Ontario, Calif., is voluntarily recalling to repair about 15,000 infant swings. A screw on the swing's support arm can loosen or detach, causing the seat to separate and drop to one side. This presents a fall hazard to infants.

Baby Trend has received 10 reports of the screws loosening. No injuries have been reported.

This recall involves "Trend Swing" stationary infant swings, model numbers 8711 and 8722 found on a label on the bottom of the seat. The swings were sold in khaki/gingham navy/white plaid, and feature a toy bar, song player and timer. "Baby Trend" is printed on the front of the seat's tray and "Trend Swing" is printed on the arm. "Baby Trend" and "Made in China" are also printed on the label on the bottom of the seat.

Toys R Us stores sold these swings nationwide from November 2001 through September 2002 for between \$60 and \$90.

Consumers should stop using these recalled swings immediately and contact Baby Trend to receive a free repair kit. For more information, consumers can contact Baby Trend toll-free at 1-800-328-7363 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's Web site at www.babytrend.com or Web site the CPSC http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/p rerel/prhtml03/03042.html.



**Nychelle Fleming** 

#### Toy attachments on baby walkers

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 410,000 toy attachments on baby walkers. The flower toys on the baby walker's tray can detach from the stems, exposing sharp edges and posing a laceration hazard to young children.

Kolcraft has received 15 reports of injuries associated with the exposed sharp edges of the toys' stems. The injuries to children included lacerations around the eyes, eyelids, face and tongue.

The walkers are multi-colored and have either a detachable toy bar or a detachable music center on the tray. On each trav are two 6.5-inch stems with 3.5-inch stars on top. The recalled walkers were sold under the "Tot Rider" and "Carter's" brand names. Tot Rider walkers included in the recall have model numbers 14303-AC, 14303-CC and 14401-OT. The model numbers are printed on stickers located on the inside wall of the base of the walkers. The names "Tot Rider" and "Kolcraft" are printed on stickers attached to the front of the walker. The Carter's model walkers included in the recall

have model numbers 14303-LB, 14303-UE and 14304-

LJ. The model numbers are printed on stickers located on the inside wall of the base of the walkers. The words "Carter's" and "Music Center" are printed on stickers attached to the front of the walker. Walker models 14303 and 14304 were manufactured from December 2000 through August 2002, and walker model 14401 was manufactured from January 2000 through July 2002. The manufacturing date is printed on the sticker with the model number. Some of the walkers were made in the U.S. and some were made in China.

Discount, department and juvenile product stores sold the walkers with these toys nationwide from December 2000 through October 2002 for between \$20 and \$40.

Consumers should remove the detachable toy bars or music center toy trays on these walkers immediately. For information on receiving a replacement toy bar or music center toy tray, consumers can contact Kolcraft toll-free at (888) 695-9988 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.kolcraft.com. http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/



### **CPSC, Murray Inc. announce** recall of riding lawn tractors

**Scott Wolfson** 

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer 525607X69 Product Safety Commission, Murray Inc., of 425008X8 Brentwood, Tenn., is voluntarily recalling about 270,000 rid-

ing lawn tractors. The fuel tank can crack and leak fuel, posing a burn and fire hazard to consumers.

Murray has received 101 reports of fuel tanks leaking. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled lawn tractors were sold under the MURRAY(r) and

STANLEY(r) brand names and

have 38-, 40-, 42-, 46-, and 52-inch cutting decks. The brand name is printed on the front or side of the lawn tractor and the model number can be found on a nameplate under the

The following models are included in this recall:

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465305X92 46581X92 425605X692 405002X8 425009X8 38560X181 42583X6

465616X6 465617 4 0 5 4 1 X 9 9 4 2 5 6 1 1 X 9 9 4 6 5 6 1 2 X 9 9 465615X99 4 6 5 6 2 2 X 9 9 4 2 5 0 0 3 X 7 1 4 6 5 6 1 9 X 7 1

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465620X71 Retail and hardware stores, including Wal-Mart and Home Depot, sold the lawn tractors nationwide from November 2000 through January

2003 for between \$800 and \$1,500. Consumers should

stop using these lawn tractors immediately and contact the nearest Murray Service Dealer for a free replacement fuel tank.

For more information, consumers should contact Murray at 1-800-876-1634 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or the company's Web www.murray.com. or visit the CPSC Web site http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/0 **3089.html**.

#### CPSC, IBM announce recall to repair computer monitors

Scott Wolfson

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, IBM, of Armonk, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling 56,000 computer monitors to perform repairs. and major retail stores nation-

The monitor's circuit board can overheat smoke, and posing a fire hazard to consumers.

**IBM** has received five reports of monitors overheating and smok-

ing, including one report of minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled IBM monitors include the G51 CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) and G51t Touch Screen CRT models. The G51 and G51t monitors have the following model numbers on a label on the back of the unit: 6541-02N, 6541-02E, 6541-02S, 6541-Q0N, 6541-Q0E, and 6541-Q0S. The label on the back of the recalled G51 models also has a date of man-

ufacture between June 1997 and September 1997. The "IBM" logo can be found on the front of the units, which were manufactured in China and Malaysia.

IBM, MicroTouch Systems,

wide, including Best Buy, CompUSA, Office Max, and Radio Shack, sold the monitors from June 1997 through December 1998 for about \$370.

Consumers should stop using these monitors immediately and contact the IBM Repair Center at 866-644-3155 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for a free inspection and repair or replacement.

For more information, consumers can visit the company's Web site www.ibm.com/pc/g51recall. or **CPSC** Web http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/ prerel/prhtml03/03088.html

**Aberdeen Lions Club offers** scholarships



Application forms for the 2003 Aberdeen Lions Club scholarships are available from the Aberdeen High School, Harford Technical High School, the Aberdeen Branch of the Harford County Library and the Web club's www.aberdeenlions.org.

The \$2,000 scholarships are available to high school or college students of any age whose home residence is in the Aberdeen High School District and live in the Aberdeen area served by the Aberdeen Lions Club.

Applications must be mailed by March 30 to the Aberdeen Lions Club, P.O. Box 111, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

Funds for the scholarships result from the club's fund raising activities in the community throughout the

## CPSC announces Recall Round-up 2003

Help is needed in reducing serious fire hazard related injuries and deaths among children and consumers. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is conducting a Recall Round-Up to help reduce fire hazards from consumer products by encouraging consumers to remove hazardous products from their homes.

In the past six years, Recall Round-Up campaigns generated tremendous interest and media attention nationwide and resulted in the CPSC's single-most successful federal-statelocal partnership program. For example, CPSC partnered with the U.S. Postal Service to display the "Most Wanted" dangerous products throughout 33,000 post offices nationwide.

This year's new initiative challenges America's senior citizens to serve as effective spokespersons by networking with their organizations, peers, adult children and grandchildren about recalled products.

CPSC will continue to collaborate with local fire departments nationally to establish Recall Round-Up collection sites throughout its states for recalled products.

The campaign also encourages visits to thrift or consignment stores to identify potentially hazardous consumer products.

All 50 states, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, as well as many local community organizations and national non-profit organizations, participated in last year's campaign.

Join CPSC this year on April 29 to make this program even more successful. **Recall Round-Up Program description** 

CPSC coordinates over 350 recalls of defective or dangerous products each year. Removing recalled products from the distribution chain is usually not difficult, but getting consumers to give them up can be. Despite recall notices and public warnings, many old hazardous products are still in homes, flea markets, second-hand stores, and at garage and yard sales. The result is that deaths and serious injuries to children caused by recalled products continue to occur.

What can be done?

CPSC, fire marshals, fire departments, state and local health, safety, senior citizen groups and non-profit consumer agencies are collaborating in springtime community round-ups of recalled and other hazardous products to alert parents, grandparents, children's care givers, and the general public to the hazards of selected consumer products and to encourage their repair, return, or destruction. Organizations are asked to join in this initia-

tive at the grassroots level.

To kick off the nationwide Recall Round-Up campaign, CPSC will broadcast a video news release by satellite to all U.S. TV stations on April 29. The VNR will describe the hazards of the selected products and product categories for the 2003 campaign.

CPSC will urge consumers to check their homes for these products and to call CPSC's toll-free consumer Hotline 1-800-638-2772 or visit its Web site, www.cpsc.gov, for more information. The CPSC Hotline also will inform callers how to get a list from the commission of other recently recalled products.

**New initiative - America's senior citizens** 

CPSC is challenging America's senior citizens to enhance the safety of children and consumers through participation and promotion of the 2003 Recall Round-Up campaign.

Each year many senior citizens are injured in and around the home with products they live with and use everyday.

This year's campaign provides for developing strong networks with senior citizens, their peers and organizations to encourage them to remove hazardous products from their homes.

For example, senior citizens will be provided with a fire safety checklist and appropriate information to share with their peers, children and grandchildren to protect them from hazardous products. CPSC encourages senior citizens to use the checklist to conduct home surveys and report the results to CPSC.

CPSC challenges senior organizations to join us in the campaign to promote safety, education and enrich the lives of all American families



## Army News



## Commentary: Would war be historic turning point?

**Dennis Ryan** Army News Service

'Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it,' philosopher George Santayana told the world in 1905.

Today we find ourselves at a possible turning point in history. Opponents of military action against Iraq have uttered statements to the effect that a war against Iraq will start another world

So let us go to history and see what happened or, better yet, what didn't happen before World War II. Hitler had taken over Germany in 1933 and proceeded to re-arm, violating the Versailles Treaty that ended World War I.

France and Great Britain did nothing. Germany in March of 1936 re-occupied the Rhineland with 20,000 troops.

This was the German territory on the West Bank of the Rhine River serving as a buffer zone between France and Germany. Once again France and Great Britain did nothing and allowed German troops to move in unopposed. This was another violation of the Versailles Treaty and a direct threat to the security of

The masses in Europe wanted peace at any cost and thought any provocation of Hitler would lead to war, but in hindsight, looking the other way led to war.

France was much stronger than Germany at the time, and joined by Great Britain's might, could have easily called Hitler's

bluff and squashed his military adventure.

The union with Austria and the occupation of the Sudetenland and the rest of Czechoslovakia would only be two years away.

Germany was much stronger militarily by then and even more powerful after digesting the Czech industrial and arms industry.

Hitler then signed a non-aggression pact with another ruthless dictator, Stalin in 1939. This allowed the former corporal to invade Poland without fear of the Soviets. This was the final straw for the appeasers in the west.

France and Great Britain declared war on Germany, but hesitated for six months and refused to attack in the west.

Hitler thanked the French and British for being so considerate by defeating them in a six-week campaign in 1940.

Hitler then rewarded Stalin the following year by invading the Soviet Union and adding tens of millions more to the butcher's bill for the war.

Now we are faced with another dictator or two, Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Kim Jung II, in North Korea.

Saddam has invaded two of his neighbors, broken treaties and continues to evade sanctions against weapons of mass destruction. Yet peace demonstrators fear a war will bring greater conflict, while forgetting the lessons of the appearement of Hitler.

Yes, there are differences between Saddam and Hitler. Saddam is bigger and has a better mustache.

Does any rational person really believe Saddam Hussein

would not use a nuclear bomb if he had one, or that he would not continue to cause havoc with his neighbors and brutalize his own people?

But it is America that's chastised as being a warmonger, only hungry for oil.

We must continue to be strong and do what is right in Iraq, no matter how unpopular it may be in the court of European public

It is time the tyrant is disposed.

That brings us to the other megalomaniac making news today in North Korea.

Kim presides over an even more repressive regime than Saddam. The younger generation that grew up healthy and prosperous

in South Korea blames the United States for the rise in tensions, forgetting the sacrifice made by their elders, and so many Americans to repel the communists and keep them at bay for over half a century.

Some forget or ignore the bloody past. That is why we as Americans must never forget.

We must never forget the lessons history provides about how to deal with such dictators. And we must never forget to do the right thing.

(Editor's note: Dennis Ryan is a staff writer for the Pentagram newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.)

## New medevac copters deploy to Afghanistan



Photo by PVT. 2TERRI RORKE, 11th PAD

The HH-60L Blackhawk helicopter in Bagram, Afghanistan, is one of only 12 in the world.

#### Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke

11th Public Affairs Detachment Army News Service

Earlier this month, a California National Guard pilot flew an HH-60L helicopter right off a stateside factory's lot on the first leg of its

journey to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The two-month-old helicopter, one of just two HH-60Ls now in Afghanistan, is the latest edition to the line of Blackhawks and is designed specifically for medical evacuation. There are only 12 other helicopters like it.

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Volkman of the California National Guard's 126th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), now deployed to Afghanistan, was the pilot that flew the HH-60L from the factory. He said his unit is lucky to have two of these rare Blackhawks. One was only built in November and the other in

"These are the first two to be deployed," said Volkman, who is the acting first sergeant of a 24-hour standby all-paramedic team of 20.

Due to the many paramedic-friendly features the distinguished bubble-nosed helicopter possesses, it was decided Bagram would be its first deployment location.

While the previous model of the Blackhawk the 126th was using, the UH-60L, allowed Afghanistan.)

crewmembers to carry all the needed equipment onboard, the HH-60L has many features that make it easier for the paramedics, Volkman said.

The stationary medical interior includes an onboard oxygen-generating system, provisions for medical electronics, a six-litter patient configuration, room for a medic plus another essential individual.

Other features include the latest infrared and navigational capabilities, a storm scope and a 290-foot hoist, which travels 350 feet a minute for quick reaction time. The hoist may be needed for various rescues, Volkman explained.

"We can lower a medic down into a mine field to pick up an injured person and it is a lot faster than the old internal hoist."

These new helicopters are not cheap.

"They are roughly \$14 million a piece," Volkman said.

While only being in Afghanistan a couple of weeks, the medevac helicopter has already seen a few rescues dealing with land-mine accidents and a couple incidents of children playing with explosive ordnance.

(Editor's note: Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke is a member of the 11th Public Affairs Detachment, Bagram

## Pet fostering offers deploying troops new option

Harry Noyes Army News Service

For the harried soldier, scurrying to wrap up a thousand details before deploying to an unknown future, pet abondonment is a decision born of desperation and fraught with guilt.

For a frightened, bewildered animal suddenly ripped from a secure and comfortable home and thrust into a terrifying world of shelters - or worse, life as a stray on the streets - it almost always means an early death.

Moved by a love of animals and gratitude to their country's defenders, a growing number of Americans are offering an alternative scenario, pet fostering.

These stay-at-home patriots open their homes to the dogs and cats - and sometimes the rats, parrots, iguanas, boa constrictors and tarantulas - of departing soldiers who have no one else to care for their animals.

When the soldier returns, he or she gets to restart life with a beloved family member. The pet is healthy and happy...the soldier, guilt-free.

The trick is getting soldiers and foster-caregivers together and making sure that the parties (human and animal) are a good fit for each other, says Maj. Steven D. Osborn of U.S. Army Veterinary Command.

Osborn recommends beginning the search locally. Soldiers can check with installation veterinary treatment facilities, which may be familiar with local services. But in the event a VTF does not know about any fostering service, the soldier should not give up.

Check next with local humane societies, animal-control facilities and breed clubs. If that does not turn up a suitable program, then cast a wider net regionally or even nationally. Of course, a more distant foster home involves costs for transportation of the animal, but this is a small price for owners who love their pets and feel a sense of responsibility towards them.

Several World Wide Web sites now exist to help soldiers with general advice on fostering and/or with brokering services to bring pet owners and foster-caregivers together.

These sites do not assume responsibility for the pets. Even if a site matches up pet owners and pets with potential fosterers, the pet owner is responsible for the final decision to work with a particular caregiver.

It is also the pet owners' responsibility to communicate fully and openly with foster-care- Command newspaper.)

givers, to ensure both sides are comfortable and confident with arrangements, to settle all questions about expenses beforehand, and to draw up a contract outlining such details.

The pet owner is generally responsible for veterinary bills, special foods and the like. The owner may offer a gratuity for the foster-caregiver if he or she wishes to, but most services are set up on the understanding that fostering per se is free of charge to the soldier.

Some relevant Web sites are:

NetPets (http://www.netpets.org/ and click on "military pets foster project" link at top of home page), is a non-profit service that says it has recruited and screened 5,000 foster-caregivers. Caregivers must provide references and contact information about their veterinarians. Founder Steve Albin phones the veterinarian before accepting a would-be fosterer. There is no charge to soldiers, who can fill in an on-line form describing their pets. Albin will then match each pet with one or more suitable foster homes. There are also links for signing up as a foster-caregiver and for donations to support the site.

Feline Rescue (http://www.felinerescue.net/ and click on "Operation Noble Foster" box), is a non-profit which says it has received many fostering offers. This site has a database allowing pet owners to do their own searches for suitable fosterers. Feline Rescue does not screen fosterers itself, but collects screening information for pet owners to scrutinize. In turn it asks owners to provide a "cat resume" to help the fosterer determine whether a particular cat is suitable for his or her home. The site also offers a sample contract form.

Humane Society of the (http://www.hsus.org/ace/11822) does not offer foster-brokering services but has much information to assist military pet owners, including a checklist and a sample contract form. HSUS works with other animal-protection organizations to encourage local shelters to develop fostering programs.

4MilitaryFamilies (http://www.4militaryfamilies.com/pets.htm) provides information and tips for taking care of military pets during foster care or moves.

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## 2,000+ soldiers stabilize their high school seniors

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Almost 2,200 military families have joined the stabilization program for soldiers with high school senior students.

called

Officially 'Stabilization for Soldiers — High School Seniors," the program began in April 2001. It allows those soldiers to extend their tour of duty at their current duty station for an additional year so a family member can graduate from their school.

As of Feb. 6, the Army's Personnel Command approved stabilization requests for 1,826 enlisted sol-

diers, disapproved four and had 20 requests pending. On the officer side, 353 were approved, six disapproved and two requests were pending. For enlisted soldiers that's a 99.8 percent approval rate and 98.3 percent for offi-

"In my book, that is a success," said Col. Julie Manta, and Doctrine Training Command adjutant general. 'This is a super initiative by the Army leadership to stabilize families. That's a key component of Army Well Being, to provide some stability and predictability for family members."

Soldiers who have children

in high school must request stabilization from PERSCOM before their children begin

their high school junior year. The request is made on a DA Form 4187. A soldier must list known scheduled

Message Number 01-135. It is on the PERSCOM Web site at http://www.perscom.army.mil. Select the AG page and the list of MILPER messages can be found there.

'When soldiers requests

are approved, that does not preclude them from being deployed or being alerted for deployment," Manta said. "But at least families members do not have to suffer the additional disruption of having to move while the soldier mothers or fathers are deployed."

She said PER-SCOM does not track approval rates by major command.

"That's because assignments are made as individual replace-

ments." PERSCOM has said that

48 percent of enlisted soldiers who have received approval are sergeants first class.

"That sounds right," Manta said. "Many soldiers in that rank are old enough to have children in high school. I suspect that on the officer side, mostly field grade officers request stabilization for a family member of high school age."

The stabilization program was one of the 10 top recommendations from a July 2000 Army Education Summit. Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff, approved it in time for it to take effect the following April.



temporary duty for a training

their branch assignment offi-

cers if they are scheduled for

training at the end of their cur-

rent tours," Manta said. "That

will tell the branch that the

training requirement may

indicate they will extend their

tours there if the request is

Soldiers overseas must

A letter from the high

school, stating when the stu-

dent is expected to graduate

from the school, must be

attached to the DA Form

Military

The program is spelled out

Personnel

have to be deferred."

approved.

"Officers need to contact

course and other purposes.



Photos by SONYA P. REYNOLDS





Praises went up in the Post Theater during the gospel celebration with Shirley Caesar, as attendees jumped out of their seats shouting "Hallelujah and thank you Jesus."



The Mt. Zion Male Chorus, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Havre de Grace, performs one of two songs during the opening acts for the concert.

## Caesar

From front page

"I traveled all the way from Brooklyn, New York," said Monique Brathwaite. "When I found out Shirley Caesar was coming, I said I was not going to miss this for the world."

"I've never seen her in concert before but I expect her to blow

who offered clothing, CDs, magazines and books for sale in the theater lobby. "After they finish getting their souls dressed up, they can come out here and get their bodies dressed up," she

Caesar said she's performed with her group more than 40 years and plans on many more.

"I've been with this band longer than four decades and plan to be with them another 50 years," Caesar said.

Caesar started her professional singing career in the late 50's it out or bring the house down," said Evelyn Young, a vendor with the Caravans. In 1972, Caesar was the first gospel singer to

be nominated and win a Grammy Award. This paved the way for 16 more nominations and 10 more wins to her credit.

Caesar has released 40 albums, made Broadway appearances as well as appeared on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Live with Regis and Kathy Lee, 20/20, Good Morning America, The Today Show and featured on several HBO series.

Caesar credits the Lord for her continued success.

"It's nothing but the Lord," she said. "If anyone had told me 25 years ago I would be where I am today, I would not have believed it."

## Threat of war increases importance of NBC training



Staff Sgt. Tracey Rosser, Atlanta, decontaminates the skin of his patient, Pfc. Kristi Holmes, Madisonville, Texas.

Story and photo by Spc. Jacob Boyer

Tasks that can sometimes seem monotonous can become matters of life and death. With the possibility of war looming, the soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), are honing their nuclear, biological and chemical warfare training.

"All NBC training is important because it's a situation we could face at any given time," said Sgt. 1st Class Bryant Reid, division tactical operations center noncommissioned officer in charge. "It's like an insurance policy to save lives."

The NBC staff at the DTAC trained soldiers on a variety of tasks, from donning their protective masks to skin decontamination, said Reid, a Chicago native, who is responsible for setting up training for the DTAC's soldiers.

"We try to cover all the bases so the soldiers can cover themselves and their buddies at the same time," he said.

Recently, the DTAC staff trained soldiers on how to operate a patient decontamination area.

Soldiers took 'patients' through the different stations they would go through to be decontaminated before being treated on a chemical battlefield.

"It was just as good as all of the training we've received out here," said Staff Sgt. Mike Rodgers, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123rd Signal Battalion, information systems operator. "They simulated to perfection what to expect, and what to do," he said.

In addition to learning how to react to hazards, it is also important for the soldiers to be prepared with the proper equipment, Reid said. Soldiers participated in mission oriented protective posture gear exchanges, pressure tests on their protective masks and cleaning their masks.

"We've been getting feedback from the soldiers that come to

#### the classes, and they say they do get something out of the training," Reid said.

Most soldiers are aware of the importance of the training they

receive. "Being here makes a big difference," said Rodgers, a San Diego native. "The writing's on the wall, and people are taking

this stuff very seriously. Nothing's impossible here." "I hope it saves some of our lives," said Pfc. Richard Brandon Littlefield, a command and control vehicle driver with, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division from Headland, Ala. "I've been trained, but I wouldn't want to

#### Stars and Stripes to deliver personal messages from home

Special to the American Forces Thomas Kelsch. Press Service

test my training at all."

U.S. troops deployed to the Persian Gulf region and other overseas locations will soon receive personal messages from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters via the pages

of Stars and Stripes. "Messages of Support," a daily section debuting March 17, will give family and friends of deployed service members a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free

charge. "In the past few weeks, we've received a significant number of e-mail messages from spouses, parents, friends and others trying to get in contact with their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf region. Running messages from folks on the home front seemed like a natural extension of our mission," said Stars and Stripes Publisher

"Messages of Support" can be e-mailed to Stars and Stripes 24 hours a day at messages@estripes.com, are limited to 50 words or less and will be printed on a firstcome, first-run basis. Stars and Stripes reserves the right to screen and edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

Stars and Stripes is the editorially independent, Defense Department-authorized daily newspaper distributed overseas for the U.S. military community. It provides commercially available U.S. and world news and objective, staff-produced stories relevant to the military community in a balanced, fair and accurate manner. 'Stripes' is currently increasing its Middle East circulation with the goal of providing one paper for every three persons stationed there. (Editor's note: From a Stars

and Stripes announcement.)

## Army Maj. Gen. John Doesburg briefs reporters

DoD photo by R. D. WARD



Army Maj. Gen. John Doesburg (right) briefs reporters on some of the protective gear and detection equipment being used by U.S. troops deployed for a possible war with Iraq during a March 3, Pentagon news briefing. The soldier at the left models the latest protective suit being issued to all deploying troops. Col. Thomas W. Spoehr (2nd from left), commander of the 3rd Chemical Brigade, U.S. Army Chemical School and Brig. Gen. Stephen Reeves, program executive officer for chemical and biological defense for the Department of Defense joined Doesburg for the briefing. Doesburg is the commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

## Sports

## HHC 16th gets by KUSAHC, 68-53

## Post season play begins this weekend

Story and photo by **Yvonne Johnson**APG News

With the final week of intramural basketball approaching, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion showed no signs of letting up on its hold on first place in the American Division. The team outlasted a pesky Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, 68-53 after pulling away from a 31-26 half-time deficit.

Helped by Donnie Cavers' three 3-pointers in the second half the team improved to 9-2, dropping KUSAHC to 4-6 and fifth place.

"We're about to hit our stride for the playoffs," said HHC 16th Coach Kevin Callicutt.

KUSAHC Coach Karl Ford added that while his team may not make the post-season, it did see some accomplishment this year.

"We won with only five people playing one week," he said, adding that it took four overtimes for HHC 16th to take the win in their matchup.

"Our season was up and down," Ford said, "but it's about fun and that's what we had."

With veteran players like David Hester and Caver, Callicut said the post-season should belong to HHC 16th.

"When we're on our game, nobody can beat us," he said.

Hester added that this year is looking like the best of the three years he's been with the team.

"We come to play every game," Hester said. "We'll win it all if we can get our big men to play right."

Intramural basketball post-season begins March 15. The post championship is March 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center.



From left, David Hester, HHC 16th, defends against KUSAHC's Niki Shumpert during the second half of their March 5 game. Shumpert went on to score a game-high 16 points in his team's 68-53 loss.

## **Basketball update**

The following results were reported for intra-**Standings** mural basketball for the week ending March 7. Company B 16th Company E 16th American Division Company A 16th Results Company C 16th 7-5 March 3 USMC 5-7 HHC 16th, 46; NCOA, 43 **USAF** 1-10 HHC 61st, 92; HST, 44 389th KUSAHC, 55; HHSB, 54 **Edgewood Division** March 5 NCOA, 49; HHSB, 42 Results HHC 16th, 68; KUSAHC, 53 March 3 Company A 1/246th, win; Company A 143rd, **Standings** HHC 16th forfeit MRICD, win; TEU, forfeit HHC 61st 7-2 March 4 **NCOA** 7-4 Company B 143rd, 65; Company A 143rd, 36 HHSB 5-5 Company A 1/246th, win; HHC 143rd, forfeit **KUSAHC** 4-6 HST 1-8 Company B 143rd, 43; HHC 143rd, 32 1/246th 0-6 March 6 **National Division** TEU, win; CHPPM, forfeit Results HHC 143rd, 54; Company C 143rd, 46 March 4 **Standings** Company A 16th, 69; Company C 16th, 38 MRICD Company B 16th, 63l Company E 16th, 51 TEU 6-3 389th, win; USAF, forfeit Company A 1/246th 9-2 March 6 Company B 143rd Company B 16th, 39; Company C 16th, 37 HHC 143rd 6-7 Company A 16th, 50; USMC, 32 Company A 143rd 3-7 Company E 16th, win; 389th, forfeit Company C 143rd 2-9 CHPPM 0-13

### **Fears**

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fit all, and parents need to gear their conversations to children accordingly.

"The greatest fear for kids," Tuddenham said, "at any age, is the thought of being separated from their parents. The world we live in now forces children to have anxious feelings more frequently.

"Tell them there are people out there trying to do bad things, but mostly everyone does good things."

Older children have a better understanding of world news and are more able to process complex thoughts, LaFauci said. It's a delicate situation for parents because it's difficult to decipher between teenagers who are fearful of more terrorist attacks and the rebellious nature associated with most teenagers, she said.

"Teenagers need to be asked about what they know, what they think and what they feel," said Sandi Hanish, a clinical nurse at the Pentagon's Operation Solace. "Parents can't wait for them to bring it up because they probably won't," Hanish said.

"Older kids may act like they're 'too cool' to be affected by what's going on around them because many of them will wait to see how their peers react," Tuddenham said. "They may have angry outbursts and take more risks as a way of acting out, but what teenager doesn't? Parents know their children ... and what's best for [them]."

News reports last week said military children are being harassed at school and by some

teachers who are anti-war on Iraq.

Maine National Guard members complained to state officials their children are "coming home upset, depressed, crying," Maine National Guard spokesman Maj. Peter Rogers told reporters.

Rogers said Guard officials have more than 30 complaints naming individual principals, teachers and guidance counselors.

"I really hope that's not going on around here," said LaFauci. "But, then again, you can't be naÔve enough to think Maine is the only place this is happening. It's not the child's fault and teachers need to respect the child's position."

"Children don't need to fight battles for their parents," Hanish said. "Military parents are doing the job they elected to dedicate their lives to. Not everyone agrees with what the military is doing.

"Those parents are defending freedom of speech and defending the Constitution," she added. "It's rather ironic."

Tuddenham said usually if parents feel at ease than most likely their child will as well.

She said there is an overwhelming amount of information available on the Web, especially on the Web Sites for the Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Information can also be obtained from Army Community Service at 703-696-3510, Project Resilience at 703-228-4788 or Operation Solace at 703-695-9110.

(Editor's note: Chris Walz is a staff writer for the Pentagram newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.)

# Registration period extended for Youth Sports Program

Because of current and past winter weather, the registration periods for the Youth Sports Program have been extended for the following:

- Baseball, ages 7 to 15, cost is \$35
- Softball, ages 8 to 15, cost is \$35
- T-Ball, ages 5 to 6, cost is \$25
- Start Smart, ages 3 to 4, cost is \$25
- Flag Football, ages 6 to 8, cost is \$25
- If interested, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571 or send e-mail to Christina.Keithley@usag.ap g.army.mil.

## Army scores back-to-back gold

Story and photo by **Spc. Charles Goff**Sentinel sports editor

The Army averaged 82.3 point per game and was the clear victor over the All Air Force team to win the 2002 Armed Forces Basketball Tournament at Abrams Physical Fitness Center, Fort Campbell, Ky. When it was all over, it was only points that separated the All Army Basketball team from the All Air Force team, tied with four wins each.

All Army Basketball clinched its second gold medal in two years with a 4-2 record and 494 total points despite losing its final game to the All Navy team 83-87.

"This is the first time in over 10 years that Army has won back-to-back," said Coach Babe Kwasniak, Army head coach. "We are proud of all the guys. We get to keep the gold medal where it belongs."

The deciding factors for the tournament were agreeably the players' ability to work togeth-

er and ability to effectively play two games a day.

"I feel that player for player, I had the best team here," said Air Force Head Coach Mark Watley. "We just didn't play well together." For Watley, playing six games over three days was a tough way to play a tournament.

Kwasniak also gave credit to Noel Goodrich, Eric White and Ricky Jackson, who are all stationed at Fort Hood and tried out for the team during the trial camp. He said that although they didn't make the cut for the Armed Forces team, they are some of the best player in the Army.

"We had guys step up from Fort Hood that were a lot better than we expected," said Kwasniak.

The tournament was roundrobin style whereby each team played every team twice.

In Army's debut game they slashed the Marines 90-63 with a second half offense that was more than the Marines could handle.

Then, Air Force dominated

Army 85-75. At the end of the first day, the Air Force was undefeated at 2-0, the Army and Marines were tied at 1-1, and the Navy was winless at 0-

The next morning the Marines upset Air Force 67-60, while Army beat Navy 87-77. This created a three-way tie for first at 2-1. With the tournament half done, it was anybody's tournament.

On the final day of competition, the Army pulled it together and topped Air Force 73-63, moving into first place for the first time.

Several coaches and players agreed that this was the game that decided the gold.

"Our guys were patient and very diligent in attacking them," said Bullock. "We always wanted to be on the attack mode, and that paid off for us at the end."

Navy had nothing to gain, but Army had everything to lose in the final game. The Army knowing this did not take Navy lightly.

"Your worst enemy is a tition in Brussels.

wounded one," said Bullock.

Navy came out strong but they were down by four when the buzzer went off.

Navy head coach, Kenneth Gray, was quick to point out that Navy was a better team than their record showed.

"We've been playing at this level the entire time," said Gray. "We've just been making mental mistakes at the end of the game that cost us the game. Navy was second only to Army in offense.

This game tied them with Air Force at 4-2, but Air Force who had scored less than 70 points in two games, had only 453 total points.

After the tournament the Armed Forces Team was announced. Five of the 12 members were from the All-Army team. Kwasniak and Bullock were named as head coach and assistant coach, respectively.

The Armed Forces team will represent the United States in international competition in Brussels.



Joseph Allen started several of the tournament games off with an intimidating slam dunk.